

# Chicago Fly



The Chicago Fly is a bead head Mohair Leech pattern.

1. Hook = 3x or 4x long with straight eye. #6 - 12 range with #8 typical.
2. Gold brass bead head to match hook
3. #6/0 Black Thread
4. Tail is 10 - 12 Black Marabou fibers - very thin and spiky ones - about 3/4 length of hook shank.
5. Red Krystal Flash - two pieces tied in on each side of tail. Use one double length and double over for durability.
6. Black Mohair yarn body (Wool Mohair, or Uni Hair, or Metz Leach Yarn). Wrap forward, pulling fibers toward top of hook shank. Whip finish thread.
7. Slide scissors along bottom of fly and slice loose fibers - pull fibers to top of hook.
8. Trip fibers on bottom of fly to about 1 hook gap wide.
9. Head cement forward thread wraps.

Fish Chicago Fly as a streamer with sink tip line, across current. Can also be dead drifted as a stone fly nymph using a floating line. As a streamer, either strip across current as fast as possible with 8" strips, or fish quartering downstream "on the swing". Very effective with cloud cover or before a rain or right before dark. Use a crackle back or soft hackle dropper, especially if fishing on the swing.